

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

A bill first pops into someone's head. Only a member of Congress can be a sponsor of a bill. Then the bill is introduced to the House of Representatives. Next the bill is put into the hopper to wait its turn. The hopper is like a paper basket or a small box. Then the bill is referred to the proper committee. Then if the bill passes the House, the bill goes to the Senate. If the Senate passes the bill, the bill is delivered to the President. Here comes the big decision. The President either passes the bill to become a law or he can veto (turn down) the bill. Also the bill could be overridden with new ideas in the bill. Then the bill will go through every stage again. Then maybe the President will pass the bill into a law.

